

PRIZES FOR BIG FLYING MEET

\$53,650 FOR BELMONT PARK INTERNATIONAL CONTEST.

Programme for the Great Aviation Duels from Oct. 22 to Oct. 30. Large Array of Awards for a Variety of Stunts. How Money Will Be Divided.

The programme of events for the international aviation meet to be held at Belmont Park (Oct. 22 to 30) was completed yesterday and aviators here and abroad will be provided with copious. As the programme now stands the sum of \$53,650 is available for prizes and it was said that at least \$5,000 will be added before the programme is issued in official form.

For the general events, including grand prizes for speed, duration, altitude, cross-country flight, \$30,850 is offered; for daily prizes, \$6,800; for the Michelin international duration prize, \$1,000; and the mechanics' prize, \$1,000. It also provides that there will be a construction prize of several thousand dollars.

It is said the Wright brothers are preparing some big surprises and among other things it is rumored that a new type in the course of development and that they are also experimenting with a biplane for high speed. It is probable that one of these new machines will be entered in the elimination trials for the selection of a team to defend the international trophy in the speed contest. The cup carries with it a cash prize of \$5,000 and this year \$2,000 has been added for the best record in the elimination contest. The prize will be divided as follows: \$1,200 to the first, \$500 to the second and \$300 to the third. Under this arrangement the three American aviators who make the best records in the elimination trials will be eligible for some prize money no matter what their fate may be in the final competition for the international trophy.

The elimination race will be held on October 25, three days previous to the championship contest. France, England and America will each have three representatives. A particularly interesting member of the French team is Alfred LeBlanc, who recently won the prize of \$20,000 offered for the race of 500 miles from Paris to the German frontier. In some respects it is considered the most notable airplane feat on record.

The championship speed race will be flown over a 5-kilometer course of twenty laps, a total distance of 100 kilometers or 62 1/2 miles. The elimination trials will be over the same course and for the same total distance. All American aviators desiring to take part in the elimination trials must be licensed aviators and must make their entries with the Aero Club of America before October 15. These entries will also entitle them to take part in all the contests at the Belmont Park meeting.

Besides the world's championship speed contest there are three other regular speed events, for which large prizes are offered. First comes the grand prize of \$1,500, being divided into \$3,000 to the first, \$1,000 to the second and \$500 to the third. This prize will be contested for in a series of eliminations to be arranged by the aviation committee. At an hour fixed by the committee machines will be required to be at the starting line at a sufficient distance from the starting line to enable aviators to cross it in full flight. The contesting machines of each series will start in the same line and distant from one another about 200 feet.

Next comes the hourly speed prize, aggregating \$2,000. These prizes will be competed for on certain days, \$400 being divided among the three successful competitors in the hourly contest. \$250 to the first, \$100 to the second and \$50 to the third. Another speed contest is the \$3,000 prize for the fastest 100 kilometers, \$1,500 to the first, \$1,000 to the second and \$500 to the third. These prizes will be awarded to the aviators who, during the meeting, shall make the fastest time for any four consecutive laps of the 2.50-meter course during hours assigned for hourly speed contests.

The sum of \$5,000 is offered in a grand prize for altitude, with \$1,000 additional if a world's record is established. The sum of \$2,200 is also offered in prizes for hourly altitude flights, the grand prize being for the greatest altitude during the meeting and the hourly prize for the greatest altitude reached each hour during the days when these prizes are competed for.

For duration flights \$6,800 is to be given in daily totalization, with \$2,800 in hourly distance prizes. The three aviators who make the longest distance flights each day from Belmont Park to a given point and return will divide the \$2,800 in equal shares of \$933 1/3 each.

The aviator who travels the greatest distance during the meeting will receive a prize of \$2,000. The passenger carried must be at least 21 years old and weigh not less than 25 pounds.

Another prize of \$1,000 divided into purses of \$1,000 and \$200 will be awarded for carrying the greatest weight in passenger around the 2.50-meter course. In case two machines should carry the same weight the prize will be awarded to the machine accomplishing the distance in the least time. A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the mechanic employed by the aviator, the conditions of this prize to be announced later.

During the course of the tournament an opportunity will be offered for any American aviator who desires to enter for the Michelin trophy, which carries with it an annual cash prize of \$1,000. Under the regulations governing competition for this trophy it is to be awarded to the aviator who during the year will have made the longest flight in a closed course without touching the ground. The record made by Jan Oleschka at the Paris meeting in July last was 244 1/2 miles, which was covered in 2 hours 3 minutes 5 1/2 seconds and it is necessary to exceed the record before January 1, 1911, to win the trophy and prize.

This will require more than the regular hours set aside for events on the programme. 130 to 140 P. M. and any American aviator wishing to compete will have to give special notice to the aviation committee in order to have his flight observed officially outside of the regular programme period.

While the daily programmes will begin at 130 P. M. there will be much interesting flying going on during the morning hours, and arrangements will be made to open the gates of Belmont Park open early in the day.

A code of air rules has been formulated and they will be observed throughout the meet. There will be no flying over the heads of spectators. No contestant will be allowed to pass below another aviator who is not 150 feet above ground. If the contestant who is passed is less than 150 feet above ground the contestant desiring to pass may fly to the right at a minimum distance of 75 feet, or pass above him at a height of 75 feet. This means that no machine may be passed either above or below except that the passing machine shall be at least 150 feet away.

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Quickly following the America the balloons in the championship race got away in the following order: Miss Sophia, Luzerne, the Million Population Club, Pennsylvania (old Cleveland), the Centennial, Hoosier, the Buckeye, the New York. Those balloons were in the championship race.

St. Louis is making a strenuous effort to capture the laurels. Four members of the St. Louis Aero Club are entered in the events, three in the championship race and one in the free for all. The pilots from St. Louis in the championship race are H. E. Honeywell, in the balloon Centennial; William F. Asiman, who will guide Miss Sophia, and St. Louis von Pohl, in the Million Population Club, a large race in which the St. Louis people are pinning their strongest hopes.

Carl G. Fisher, and George Bumbaugh of Indianapolis are in the Indiana, a new balloon which was finished recently in Bumbaugh's factory. Fisher is confident he and Bumbaugh will at least win the endurance contest. A year ago he and Bumbaugh sailed away to Louisiana in the championship race and they remained in the air two nights and two days. It was a record flight for endurance, but the aeronomas were disqualified for descending to the ground after water.

\$1,000 STOLEN FROM BANK.

Chicago First National Bank Found Out Yet How Money Was Taken.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—One thousand dollars has been stolen from the currency department of the First National Bank and a systematic investigation of the department has been ordered. A young teller who worked in the department and handled millions a year was discharged when the discovery was made, but the bank insists that he was not connected in any way with the loss.

Officers of the bank say that the amount named covers the entire shortage, but admit that the funds are being checked up. The \$1,000 disappeared while the manager of the department was on a vacation. The loss was discovered by him on his return.

Gallagher in Prison Hospital.

James J. Gallagher, the discharged dock employee who shot Mayor Gaynor, is laid up in the prison hospital on the second floor of the Hudson county jail with a small abscess in the groin. The abscess was lanced on Friday and Gallagher was resting comfortably last night. The physician said the prisoner's ailment was not caused in any way by the treatment he received at the time of his arrest.

Opinions!

May 19, 1891.

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GIACOMO PUCCINI.

Milano, June 21, 1910.

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